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Washington, DC 20231

**REQUEST FOR RETURN OF PTO-FORM 1449**

Sir:

On June 3, 2004 an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 was filed in the subject application. However, an initialed and dated copy of the Form PTO-1449 was not returned to the offices of the undersigned with the August 2, 2004 Notice of Allowability. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner now acknowledge consideration of the cited art by returning an initialed and dated copy of that form. If the Examiner would prefer, the form can be transmitted to the undersigned by facsimile at 703-816-4100.

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